

## Children and the "Great White Plague."

Prof. Hoff's Cure for Consumption Saves Many Young Lives.

To see the young and trustful—the children in whose breasts have just begun to blossom hopes of useful lives and a faint glimmering of life's perplexing problems—begin to wither under the touch of the great white plague is the most pitiful thing that comes to parents.

A little girl in Lowell, Mass., was given up to die.

On her cheek was the red spot that has always been looked upon as the seal of the consumptive's fate.

The child's doctor said that no medicine yet devised by man could benefit her. The mother must patiently await the end, each day adding its weight to her heart's burden.

But the newspapers going into Lowell told of the discovery made in Vienna. They told of the wonderful cure of Frederick Hammann, the celebrated New York consumptive, who was sent to Vienna at the expense of the New York American and Journal, and was cured by Prof. Hoff.

And now that same mother tells of another cure:

American Bureau, Bendiner & Schlesinger, Third Avenue and 10th Street, N. Y.: Kindly send me two bottles of Prof. Hoff's Consumption Cure. Our little girl is now cured, while last May our doctor said no medicine could help her and that she would live only a short while. We have had it now six months, and the doctor now says that her lungs are all right. I am also getting the medicine for catarrh, and hope to be as successful in curing it as we were with consumption.

MRS. W. ENGLAND, 238 Hale St., Lowell, Mass.

It is the growing prevalence of consumption among children that has made thinking persons believe more than ever that it was not a part of the great scheme of creation to have this dreadful disease placed on earth to strike indiscriminately among the young and the old, without a cure being placed within easy reach, if man could but discover it.

In some cases from one to three bottles have checked the malady. Of course, cures are not to be expected so shortly every time. This gentleman has used but two:

American Bureau, Bendiner & Schlesinger, Third Avenue and 10th Street, N. Y.: Please send me two bottles of Prof. Hoff's Cure for Bronchitis. I commenced taking it in October; at the time weighed 97 pounds, now I weigh 107½.

WILHELMINA SPATH, 123½ N. Missouri Ave., Atlantic City, N. J.

Another symptom of returning health, when the Hoff Cure begins its work, is the recovery of the appetite promptly:

American Bureau, Bendiner & Schlesinger, Third Avenue and 10th Street, N. Y.: Enclosed find \$1.00, for which please send me one bottle of Prof. Hoff's Cure. The one bottle I have taken has done me a world of good, and I have a splendid appetite, weigh more and am benefited in every way.

MILTON SILANCE, Milburn, N. Y.

Some people go to New Mexico hoping the climate may cure them. Read this:

American Bureau, Bendiner & Schlesinger, Third Avenue and 10th Street, N. Y.: Please send me two bottles of Prof. Hoff's Consumption Cure BY FIRST MAIL. It is doing me a world of good, and I have a splendid appetite.

E. G. DUVAL, Asst. A. T. & S. F. R. R., Glorietta, N. M.

Any general practitioner can recognize that feeling of weariness and languor, sensitiveness to cold and exertion, which are the forerunners of the first stages of consumption. It is at this stage that Professor Hoff's treatment gives immediate results. Chronic Bronchitis, Asthma and the various forms of Catarrh require but a few weeks' treatment.

In the second and third stages, where the foregoing symptoms are accompanied by night sweats, chills, fever, hemorrhages, loss of flesh and swelling of legs and feet, and in the case of women, especially young girls blossoming into womanhood, the interruption of womanly functions, the remedy produces the same beneficial results, and in all cases a marked and decided improvement is immediately noticed.

In a few days the fever, as well as the insomnia, disappears, and increase of weight is the most conspicuous sign of improvement. Cure upon cure of cases pronounced hopeless are daily reported, and physicians and sanitarians throughout the country have discarded creosote and adopted this treatment.

Asthma and bronchial affections—even severe coughs—are cured as effectively by the remedy as is consumption. Sometimes, however, the diagnosis has not fully established the nature of the disease, the Hoff Cure has successfully diagnosed it by working a cure.

Professor Hoff desires his cures to be in the hands of every sufferer. It is humanity's medicine. The prescription is compounded in accordance with Prof. Hoff's directions and sent out by the American Bureau at Third Avenue and 10th Street, New York, at \$1.00 per bottle. For greater convenience the remedy may be had at the same price from the well and favorably known firms mentioned below.

The triangular trade mark of the American Bureau of Professor Hoff's Cure must be on the label, and this is the guarantee to the purchaser that it is the exact prescription used by Prof. Hoff at Vienna.

A 64-page book, containing complete descriptive treatise on the Professor Hoff Cure, and accurate reports of several hundred cases, is mailed free on application or may be obtained by calling at the well-known druggists named below.

IMPORTANT—Other Hoff cures not bearing this triangular trade mark are not the authentic preparation authorized by the American Bureau.

You can obtain the genuine Hoff Cure at most drug stores. The great body of honorable druggists do not stoop to substitution by selling something "just as good" that means more profit to them. The genuine Hoff Cure can always be procured of the well-known druggists.

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## HE IS WORTH \$250,000, BUT CANNOT SPEND IT.

A. J. Stephani, Convicted of Killing Man, Is Wealthy and in Dan-nemora as Insane—Has Cash in Banks and Longs for Chance to See Europe—Alive, He Is Classed as Dead, and While He Can Be Sued in the Courts He Cannot Himself Sue.



ALPHONSE J. STEPHANI.  
From a sketch made at his trial in 1891.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, Dec. 5.—Alphonse J. Stephani is without doubt the wealthiest "dead" man in New York State, and he probably enjoys the same distinction so far as the entire world is concerned.

Under the law of this State he is civilly dead, but actually he is very much alive. He has plenty of money, but he is not in a position to spend it. He may long for any luxury without being able to obtain it, while his funds continue to accumulate.

When the average man dies in the eyes of the law his property immediately goes to others—either according to the terms of his will or by a distribution among his next of kin.

With Stephani it is different, for while he has become civilly dead he continues to hold his property, and his heirs may not have a chance to enjoy it for many years.

He was convicted of murder in the second degree for killing Clinton G. Reynolds, a prominent attorney in this city in May, 1890. He was sentenced to life imprisonment and sent to Sing Sing. He has since been transferred to the insane asylum connected with the Clinton prison at Dannemora, N. Y.

Physicians at Sing Sing certified to his insanity, and those in charge of the institution have been unable to get him to do anything but sit in his cell and stare at the wall. He seems very shrewd, but he is declared to be a victim of paranoia, and to be mentally unsound upon various propositions.

HAS MANY PRIVILEGES. He is able to obtain certain privileges in the asylum because he is unquestionably more rational than most of those confined with him, but he could not spend his income even if he could get it, and when a reporter interviewed him he complained bitterly because his interest in certain bonds had not been sent to him in person since he was transferred to the prison for the criminal insane.

Some few advantages he is able to obtain by his money but not his liberty. When he was first confined with murder he spent thousands in trying to get him out. He has since been in the hands of the firm of Howe & Hummel, lawyers, who have been unable to get him out of the prison. The only possible plea was insanity, as the crime had been brutal and premeditated.

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safe-deposit box, and it has never been opened but once since that was in 1891 when Judge Ingraham (I think it was) issued an order to open the box. They thought I was insane and that there might be nothing but a brick in the box. Pierpont Edwards, president of the bank, opened the box, found everything all right, cut coupons for about three years from some Baltimore and Ohio bonds, placed about \$2,000 in cash in the box, and then reclosed it.

"When I returned from Europe in May, 1891, Reynolds heard I intended to take the contents of that box back to Europe with me, so he caused the injunction to be served on me. I told you before, it is a great pity that I had to come in contact with a man like Reynolds. If it had been a different man I would today be in Europe enjoying life in the way I like best—reading, traveling and horseback riding.

"I see by the newspapers you can go to Genoa by the Deutschland for \$75 first cabin. If I were on the outside I'd make that ship."

"Up to 1898, for eight years after I was taken to Sing Sing, the New York Central would make me the dividends on my stock. I got the checks cashed and had money to buy many luxuries and reinvested some of the money in New York Central stock, paying 100. I've been a stockholder in the New York Central for sixteen years. I then they found out I was 'civilly dead' and refused to send any more checks to me.

"The Pennsylvania paid me the dividends on their stock until I was transferred from Sing Sing to the insane asylum. As long as I was in an asylum it was all up. They stopped, too.

"I think the 'civilly dead' law is unconstitutional. Other States do not have it.

TRYING TO BREAK WILL. "My mother made a will, which I am trying to break on the ground of insanity and undue influence.

"The Guaranty Trust Company are executors of my mother's will. Carter, Hughes, Rounds & Schurman of New York, as attorneys for myself and my uncle, have been trying for a year, so far without success, to get my money into my hands. I don't know who the trust company's attorneys are.

"I have followed this case carefully for eleven years and consider that half of this time has been insane. I am not a patient of a committee for a life convict, you see, not a madman, but a sane man who is insane in the eyes of the law. I am all the next of kin and heirs at law of the convict. Mrs. Mary Hill, my mother, is a widow of about 70 years of age, who lives in Frankfort-on-the-Main, Germany, and who will be a beneficiary to the extent of \$20,000 under my mother's will. If it stands, is the only relative who has not waived notice of the application for a committee for me.

"I would give anything, almost, to get to New York and see my lawyers and to have something that you can't get a writ of habeas corpus except in a criminal proceeding.

"I want to go to Europe and live the rest of my life there quietly. I have money in banks at London, at Paris and at Frankfurt.

"At my trial ten days were consumed in taking expert testimony. Doctor Spitzka, Doctor Douglas (now dead) and Doctor Allan McLane Hamilton swore that I was insane. Doctor Carlos F. McDonald, Doctor Fowler, Doctor James F. McDonald, Doctor Charles L. Dana swore that I was both sane and sane. How's that for expert testimony? I'm sane enough to be tried for murder, but I'm not insane, but civilly dead when it comes to getting the money that belongs to me. I don't suppose I'll ever get out of this place."

"Who will get your property after your death, in case you do not get out of prison?"

"I have made a will," replied Stephani cheerfully and without hesitation. "I made it in 1891 before the shooting."

Stephani was careful during the interview not to mention the word murder. He invariably referred to his killing of Reynolds as "the shooting."

"Yes," he repeated, "I made a will in 1891 in favor of my mother, Charles J. Stephani of Frankfort-on-the-Main, in Germany. He is employed as subagent there by the Commercial Cable Company. I think it is valid. Of course, you cannot file a will for probate until after the testator is dead, but I think it will be found valid."

In talking with regard to Stephani's case, Doctor Lamb, superintendent of the hospital, and acknowledged to be one of the ablest alienists in the State, said:

"Stephani is undoubtedly suffering from a true form of paranoia. From a study of his case, with its early history and progressive development, there is no question about this diagnosis. The existence of a 'neurotic temperament' in his ancestry is well established, and Stephani made early manifestation of similar traits. The medical certificate on which Stephani was received here said:

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